

EMS Advisory Committee Meeting

10/18/22

Meeting called to order by Edson at 1500

Roll Call: Joshua Schuchhardt, Jessie Durnan, Doreen Cook, Joel Knutson, Bridget Edson, Matt Kuhn, Jeff Bernatz

Guests: Abe Karels, Jim Cook, Terry Johnson, Brannon Anderson

Motion by Knutson, second by Durnan by to approve agenda. All Ayes. Motion Carried

Motion by Bernatz, second by Schuchhardt to approve the Oct 11, 2022 meeting minutes. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Knutson discussed that NICC in Calmar is going to honor the \$350 tuition again for this year for EMS training. NICC is using ARPA funds to offset the cost of tuition. Community colleges do not enter each other's territories if it is not warranted. Knutson also discussed the problems of past classes including the use of Castlebranch and the COVID-19 vaccination mandate. Karels talked about the issues with Jesse (Coulson). Knutson advised that NICC is willing to accept new instructors. Karels and Schuchhardt have completed the EMS Instructor Course. Cook advised that Fredericksburg is in Hawkeye Community College's district. Schuchhardt also mentioned that Nashua is in Hawkeye's district. Chickasaw County EMA will sponsor EMT students that live within Chickasaw County and will require a three service contract.

It is the consensus of the EMS Advisory Committee that Chickasaw County EMA will host an EMT class at the Ionia Fire Station beginning the first full week in December and ending in February.

Edson discussed licensing requirements. Currently we have purchased two rigs and discussed if/when the third rig will be purchased. Both Knutson and Schuchhardt believe there should be three rigs in the county.

The Board of Supervisors will look at insuring three rigs at this time. Heartland Insurance, Nosbisch Insurance, and Vrzak Insurance will be contacted.

Cook advised that once the EMS Director has been named and the pharmacy agreement is signed, then the application process will move forward according to the State EMS Office.

Board of Supervisors will work with the City of New Hampton for garage space

Schuchhardt advised that he talked to Anna Havlik about the apartments above the coffee shop. Rent would be \$1700/mo for both one bedroom apartments.

Discussion was held about the temporary location for the staff and Director workspace. Kuhn said he would like the staff and Director at the Heritage. Tentative proposal is to see if there is enough room at the LEMC to put the Director in the EMA office and work space in the basement of the LEMC.

Motion by Knutson, second by Schuchhardt to hold the recruitment event held on Nov 3, 2022 beginning at 6:30pm at the Chickasaw Event Center. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Knutson will finish the medical guidelines and forward to Durnan who will give them to Dr. Brinkman.

Next meeting will be 10-25-22 3pm at the Community Service Building.

Motion by Kuhn, second by Durnan to adjourn at 1706

Jeff Bernatz, Secretary
EMS Advisory Committee